

PUBLIC (ELECTIONS-III) DEPARTMENT

During the General Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, 2016, the candidates are required to file an affidavit (in Form-26) along with their nomination papers as instructed by the Election Commission of India. The affidavit is required to be attested before a Notary Public / Oath Commissioner / First Class Magistrate. While filing of the affidavit duly attested is a statutory requirement and has to be complied with, the Commission has made arrangements for optional e-filing of the affidavits.

2. The candidates willing to avail e-filing facility shall enter the information by logging into the ECI website through internet, by visiting www.eci.nic.in and clicking on "Online submission of candidate affidavits". For convenience of the candidate in taking print on stamp paper, the setting is so made as to facilitate printing on stamp paper. The printed copy can be taken on stamp paper of appropriate denomination and sworn before an Oath Commissioner or Magistrate of the First Class or before a Notary Public for filing the same before the Returning Officer (R.O.). It may be noted that the notarised affidavit has to be filed latest by 3.00 P.M. on the last date for filing nomination.

3. The e-filing facility enables on-line submission of affidavits by the candidates. This facility shall also provide on-line help in filling up the affidavit correctly and also the facility of getting print of the duly filled affidavit. Moreover on-line submission will not accept any incomplete application, in respect of columns which are required to be filled in mandatorily and thereby ensures that no column is left blank which may lead to rejection of nomination paper.

4. The Election Commission of India has further informed that at present, the e-filing can be done in two languages namely English and Hindi.

5. There is no additional cost to the candidate for e-filing of the affidavit. The e-filed affidavit, can be seen by the candidate, even after taking print out. The e-filing also provides the facility to modify the entries, any time before submission of the notarised affidavit before the Returning Officer.

6. The online services are being provided through NIC data centre and National Security Depository Limited (NSDL). For any query on administrative issue, please contact: supportaffidavit@eci.gov.in and for technical related issues, please contact: 011 – 23052043.

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